



Sunnyvale

Telecommunication Ordinance Amendments

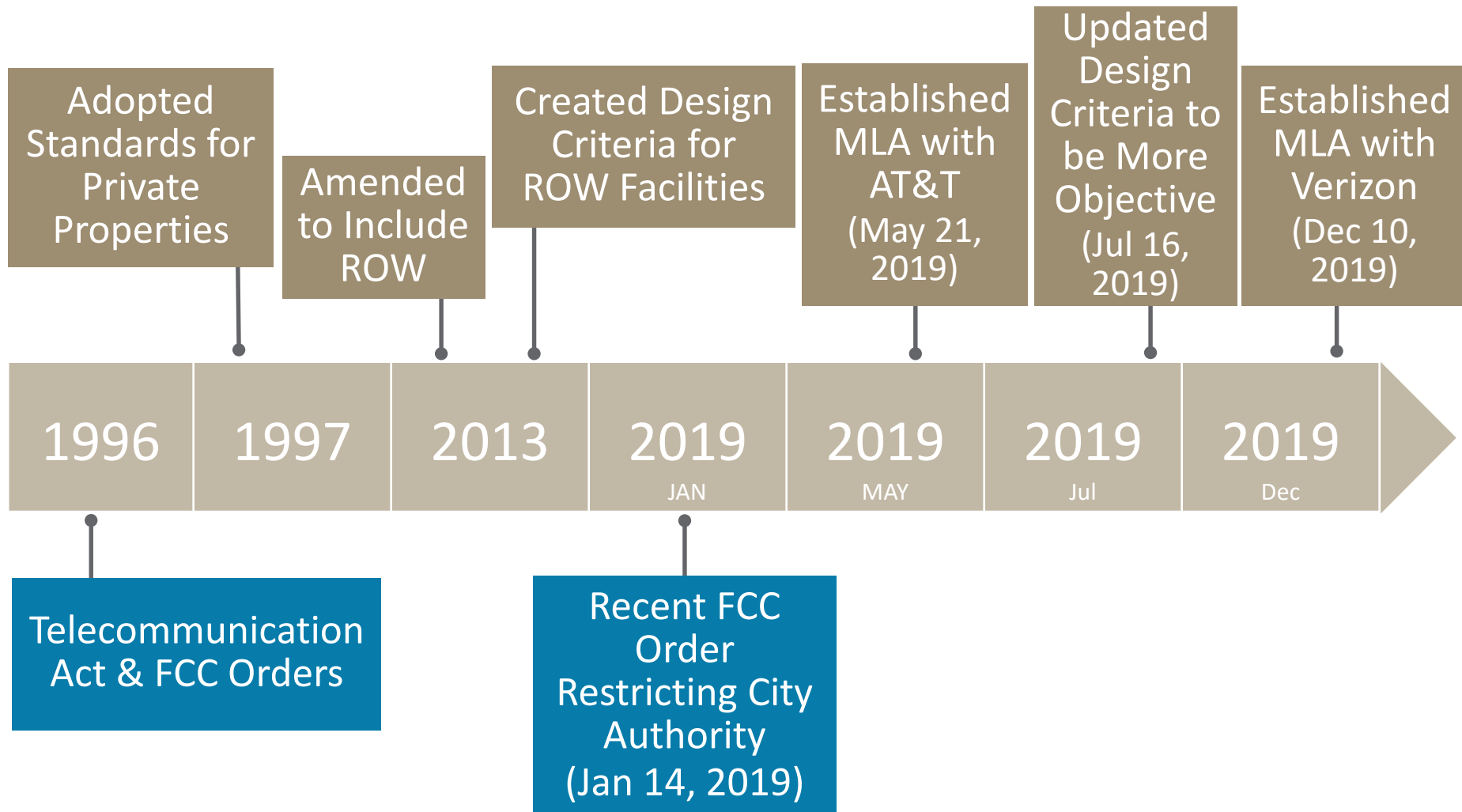
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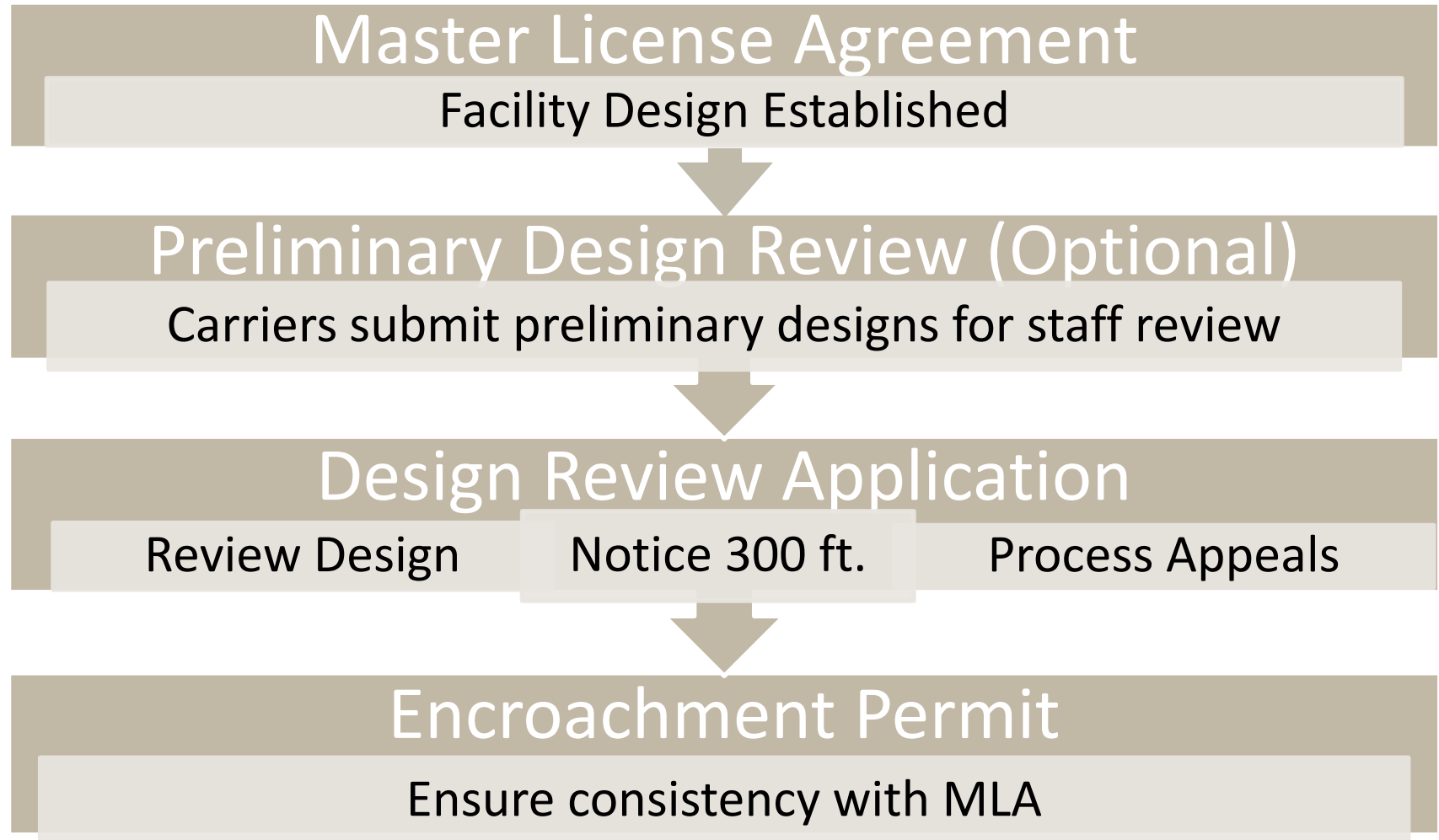
Background



Types of ROW Applications

- Joint Poles (wood poles):
 - ◆ City Design Review limited
 - ◆ No change anticipated for wood pole review
- City Poles:
 - ◆ Design established as part of MLA
 - ◆ Existing Design Criteria used in MLA design
 - ◆ MLA and design considered by Council
 - MLA gives City more design discretion
 - More opportunities for wireless facilities
 - ◆ Responds to future technologies (5G)

Current Process for Using City Poles



Issues with Existing Process

- Redundancy of Design Review:
 - ◆ Design included in MLA
 - ◆ Additional design review unnecessary
- Public Outreach Efforts & Implication:
 - ◆ 300 ft. Notice (Typ. 40-100 notices per site)
 - ◆ Shot clock limitations
 - ◆ Respond to Inquiries
 - ◆ Public Hearings
 - ◆ Process Appeals
 - ◆ Create False Hope – Design Template Approved w/ MLA

Proposed Process Change

- City poles with MLA only
 - ◆ Eliminate Planning Design Review process:
 - ◆ Rely on design approved as part of MLA
 - ◆ Removes individual public noticing
 - ◆ Removes appeal opportunity
- All other facilities in ROW:
 - ◆ No change to process
 - ◆ Design discretion limited
 - ◆ Potential for appeals

Proposed Review Process (Approved MLA)

Master License Agreement

Design included in MLA



Preliminary Design Review (Optional)

Ensure conformance with MLA design



Encroachment Permit

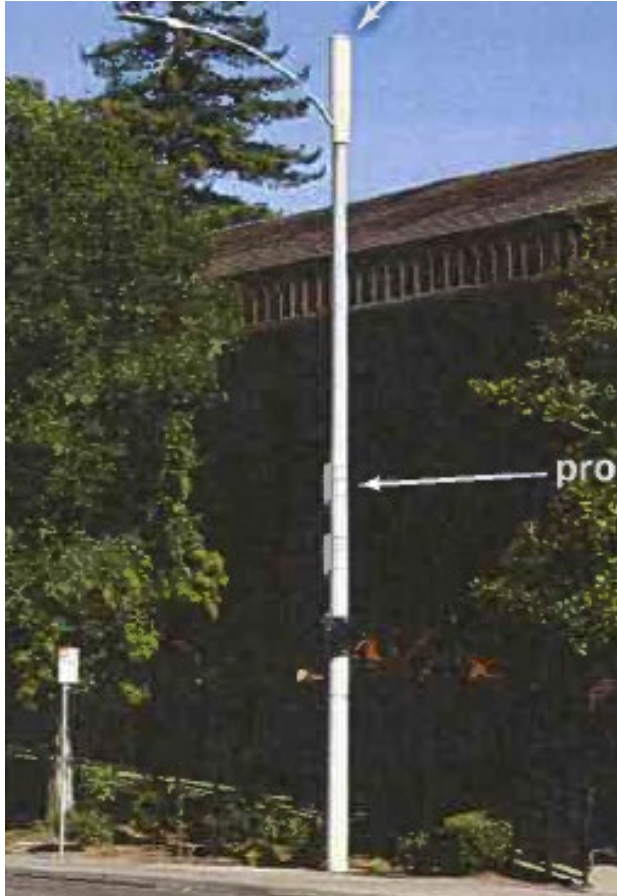
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Goals of Proposed Process

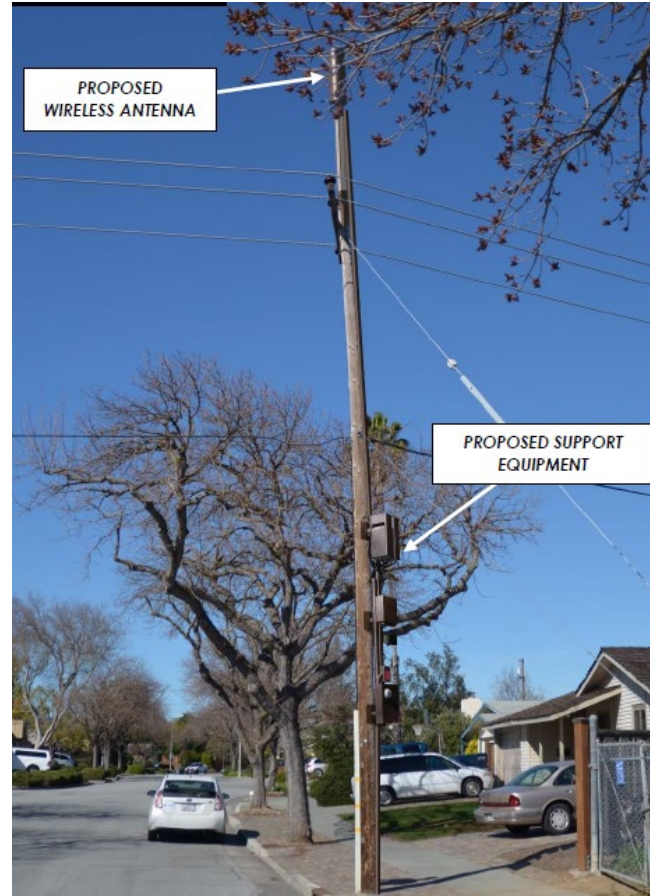
- Streamline Process for City Light Poles
 - ◆ Reduce Process Time
 - ◆ Efficient Use of City Resources
 - ◆ May Reduce Use of Wood Utility Poles

Goals of Proposed Process (cont.)

- Sleeker Design in MLA Design Template



Typical Light Pole Design



Typical Utility Pole Design

Staff Recommendation

Recommend to City Council

Introduce an Ordinance to amend Sunnyvale Municipal Code Chapter 19.54. (Wireless Telecommunication Facilities).